



GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

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Testimony - Raised Bill No. 4 AAC Early Voting

Senator Musto, Representative Jutila and Members of the GAE Committee

My name is Sue W. Larsen. I am Chairman of the ROVAC Legislative Committee. ROVAC would like clarification of what type of early voting this bill would initiate. Currently HJ 16 proposes a constitutional amendment for no fault absentee ballots. This would allow early voting. This method should be implemented before attempting other means of early voting. The cost impact of this type of voting is still being considered.

If opening polls for early voting is the intent then clearly costs have to be addressed. In CT Elections are paid for by municipalities. This would be an additional and perhaps considerable financial burden on municipalities. Let's take one step at a time. Implement no fault absentee ballots and assess the results before going forward with other proposals.

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